[Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai]

(c) if so, the nature of those irregularities and the hospitals where such irregularities were noticed ;

(d) what action has been taken by the Surgeon General in respect of such irregularities ;

(e) whether he has made any surprise inspections of hospitals during 1120 and 1121 respectively ;

(f) if so, how many times during each of these years he made such surprise inspections ; and

(g) the names of hospitals in respect of which there were surprise inspections ;

Dr. S. John :

(a) 1120—33 (including Puthencruz Leper Colony.)
1121—33 (including the Leper Hospital at Colachel and the Grant-in-aid Hospital at Neyyoor.)
The above figures do not include Dispensaries.

(b) No.

(c) & *(d)* Do not arise in view to answer to part (b).

(e) & *(f)* The Surgeon General has made several surprise inspections also.

(g) All the Hospitals in the State.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I Lnow whether there are any serious irregularities found out during the course of the surprised inspections ?

Dr. S. John : No serious irregularities. If there were any, they would have been reported to Government.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether some of these inspections took place as a result of petitions signed by the inhabitants of the locality ?

Dr. S. John : Not only due to petitions but also of my own accord.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether there were any petitions ?

Dr. S. John : There were anonymous petitions.

Drive for increased food production.

121. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the steps adopted in the recent past to increase food production in the State ; and

(*b*) the respective areas of paddy and garden lands brought under cultivation as the result of such steps ?

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Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

Sahib Bahadur K. Sahul Hameed: May I know the percentage of lands benefited ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: We can know it only after the next crop.

Sahib Bahadur K. Shahul Hameed: May I know whether there are any statistics ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Information will be available after next crop.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: May I know whether any tank bed is converted into paddy lands ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: To a certain extent.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: Is it allowed under the rules ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Only in hot seasons, it is done.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: കൃഷിവകുപ്പ് നേരിട്ട് ഏതെങ്കിലും പുതുതായി സ്ഥലം തരപ്പെടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: കരകൃഷിക്കോ നെൽകൃഷിക്കോ?

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: നെൽകൃഷിക്ക്

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: നെൽകൃഷിക്ക് അധികമായി കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. പ്രധാനമായി ഉള്ള സ്ഥലത്ത്, കൃഷി വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

Assessment orders.

122. ✻ **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Income Tax Collectors are not forwarding assessment orders to individual assessees, but only a demand notice showing the income tax amount to be paid ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that in British India and Cochin State, a complete copy of the assessment order is forwarded to all the assessees along with the demand notice and the chalan ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the procedure followed here in this matter causes inconveniences to the assessees who want to file appeals ?

*Vide Appendix I Page 245.

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 121.**

Measures adopted in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.

Following arrangements have been made in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.

1. *Irrigation Facilities.* The P. W. D. was asked to give priority to minor irrigation works. During the last 6 weeks 81 minor irrigation works were completed, 225 works are nearing completion and 156 works are being started. An extent of 32000 acres of land will be benefited by these works. A subsidy of Rs. 100 per well is also being made available for sinking new wells for irrigation purposes.

Lift irrigation works have been sanctioned at Chengamanad, Okkalkara and Puthuvasserri for irrigating paddy lands at the instance of private individuals. Government have also sanctioned the extension of electric power lines to Avanamcode in North Travancore for affording lift irrigation facilities to the agriculturists. Arrangements have been made for the procurement of pumping sets with the requisite pipes, bends etc., and engines for supply to the agriculturists on hire or hire purchase system. Under the Electric Lift Irrigation Project in North Travancore about 1000 acres of single crop paddy lands on the banks of the Periyar river have already been converted into double crop paddy lands. It is estimated that about 5000 acres more will be brought under the next crop as a result of the extension scheme at Avanamcode. A sum of Rs. 1,50,000 has been sanctioned for this purpose.

2. *Supply of manure.* Arrangements have been made by the Agricultural Department for the procurement and distribution of chemical and organic manure on a large scale among *bonafide* cultivators on a subsidised basis at 2/3 of the cost price. Manure depots have been opened throughout the State. Village Unions and Co-operative Societies are being made the centres of distribution. So far, 62 depots have been stocked with different kinds of manure and more will be opened shortly. Arrangements have been made by the Conservator of Forests to issue free passes to ryots for collecting and conveying green and dry manure leaves and leaf moulds from the Reserve Forests in the State for a period of one year.

3. *Supply of seeds.* The Agricultural Department has made arrangements for the procurement and distribution of vegetable seeds at nominal prices and for the opening of a Central Vegetable Farm and seed producing nurseries attached to the Departmental Farms for the multiplication and distribution of seeds.

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4. *Supply of Agricultural equipment.* Arrangements have been made to supply small timber at nominal prices for making agricultural implements and for the manufacture and supply of agricultural implements at concessional rates.

5. *Bonus and subsidies.* Bonus is being granted to cultivators for the cultivation of vegetables and other irrigated food crops at Rs. 20 and for dry food crops at Rs. 10 for every acre of land newly brought under food crops. Arrangements have been made to grant bonus to the Municipalities engaged in the production of compost manure. In order to encourage the destruction of rats, arrangements have been made for a bonus at the rate of one chuckram per rat being given to any person who kills rats.

6. *Additional lands made available for cultivation.* The Division Peishkars have been instructed to arrange for tank beds, marshy lands and other low lying areas where single or double crops of paddy or tapioca or other food crops could be raised, being leased out on favourable terms for a period of three years to *bonafide* cultivators with a view to bringing such lands under food crops. About 23000 acres of poramboke lands in the Thovala taluk have been arranged to be leased in small blocks for raising food crops for a period of three years. The water free areas of certain tank beds in Agastiswaram taluk have been arranged to be leased out to ryots for raising vegetables during hot season. Tracts of land in Devicolam taluk suitable for wheat cultivation have been arranged to be leased out for the purpose on reasonable terms.

It is estimated that over 33000 acres of garden lands will be brought under food crops shortly.

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